

**Town of La Pointe
Energy Committee
Monday October 9, 2023
9 am at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Zach Montagne, Scott Hayman, Robin Trinko-Russell, Lilah Guertin
Members absent: Tom Kromroy and Craig Buttke
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator
Public present: Bill Bailey, Cheq Bay Renewables

1. Call to order/Roll Call

The Energy Committee meeting was called to order by Michael Kuchta.

2. Public Comment

Zach thanked Larry Bean for starting the Energy Committee and years of leadership and hard work, reiterated by Robin.

3. Select Chair

Motion by Zach to nominate Lilah Guertin as Chair, seconded by Robin, all ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Minutes of the following meetings to be considered for approval:

A. June 28, 2023

B. July 10, 2023

Motion by Zach to approve the above minutes as presented, seconded by Robin, all ayes. Motion Carried.

5. Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP) funding discussion

- Bill stated that he heard thru the grapevine there will be an EIGP grant in 2023 although no details have been released.
- Bill asked Michael K to look over his debrief notes from the 2022 grant application (which was not awarded) to see where things could be changed to better our chances. Bill will ask muGrid and Xcel Energy to send updated costs for the downtown micro grid project. He also asked the committee to think about who they would like to lead the program (muGrid or Xcel).
- Bill noted that Xcel has proposed a new monthly fee of \$80 for the Resiliency Services Tariff (RS-1) if assets like solar and the battery are not owned by Xcel. This \$80 monthly fee is a new line item which would apply to the Town and be a decrease from the \$450 monthly fee that is currently in the tariff.

6. 2024 budget request to the Town Board

Bill noted the 2022 grant had a \$58,000 match from the town.

Motion by Robin to request the Town budget a \$60,000 grant match for a 2024 EIGP micro grid application, seconded by Scott, all ayes. Motion Carried.

7. Set next meeting and agenda

Next meeting will be Mon. 11/6/23 at 9am.

8. Adjourn.

Motion by Lilah to adjourn, seconded by Robin, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant.

Minutes approved as presented 11/6/23. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant